

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CARL T. BAKER FOR RECEIVING THE J. WALTER JUCKETT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Carl T. Baker for receiving the 33rd Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award from the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Baker was born in Gloversville, New York, in 1951. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Cornell University in 1973 and earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from Albany Law School in 1978. The following year, he was admitted to the New York State Bar. Mr. Baker then planted his roots in Glens Falls, where he went on to become a founding shareholder of Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth P.C., a renowned legal practice that serves clients throughout the state to this day with attorneys specializing in nearly every major discipline of law.

Mr. Baker has written several publications in the legal field and has lectured for the New York State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education program. In 2015, he was elected to the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel and has been recognized with several law awards. In addition to his honorable career as an attorney, Mr. Baker has an illustrious record serving on the boards and committees of several reputable community organizations and charitable groups, including the Glens Falls Kiwanis Foundation, Board of Governors of Glens Falls Hospital, Planned Giving Council of Glens Falls Hospital, Widowed Persons Service of Greater Glens Falls Area, and several others.

Carl T. Baker has led a life devoted to service, charity, and leadership. It is clear why Baker was chosen as the recipient of the prestigious J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce. This award is the chamber's most distinguished for community service and is named in honor of J. Walter Juckett, a remarkable businessman and civic leader. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Carl on this honor and thank him for his years of service in the North Country.

RECOGNIZING ARDEN JOHNSON

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Arden Johnson who has retired as Ellery Town Supervisor after serving fifty years.

Town Supervisor Johnson, who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday, is believed to be the oldest and longest tenured Supervisor in the State of New York. His passion for service and zest for the community has truly benefited the region, impacting thousands of lives throughout his long career in public service.

In 1948, before graduating from high school, Arden began the Young Republican Club in the Town of Portland. He graduated from Brocton Central School in 1949 and was committed to spending his life helping others. Shortly after graduating, he served as Brocton's Fire Chief from 1955 through 1957 and was later elected to the Brocton Village Board, where he served from 1957 through 1960.

In 1964, Arden moved to the Town of Ellery and it did not take long for him to get involved. From Little League and Babe Ruth baseball to youth recreation programs, Arden was always active in the community. He also helped found the midget football program in Ellery which remains very popular to this day.

In 1972, Arden was elected Ellery Town Supervisor and fifty years later, in 2022, we celebrate his retirement. Over his fifty years in office, Arden made significant contributions to the community and was a strong leader. In addition to his time as Supervisor, Arden served on the County Legislature from 1980 to 1983. His most beloved contribution to the town was the Ellery Town Park. Boasting twenty acres of land, the park includes nearly a mile-long walking trail, tennis, baseball and soccer fields, pavilions, a playground and more. Also, home to a Veteran's Memorial, dedicated on May 30, 2005, the Ellery Town Park is appreciated by the greater community and all who visit.

Supervisor Arden Johnson worked tirelessly for his constituents. He is a proud family man, friend, mentor, and more. His leadership and service to our community has touched the lives of many and will be cherished for generations to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing Ellery Town Supervisor, Arden Johnson, on his longstanding service and wish him the best in his retirement. Congratulations on this tremendous milestone, and I thank him for his lifelong commitment to our community.

HONORING CHIEF RICHARD HOWELL OF FAYETTEVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today, to honor Chief Richard Howell for 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Fayetteville, located in Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District.

Chief Howell joined the Fayetteville Police Department in January of 1990. He graduated

from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy on April 27, 1990. During his long and successful career, Chief Howell steadily rose in rank, receiving a series of promotions beginning in 1997, when he was named Sergeant, becoming a Lieutenant in 2003, and then a Commander in 2004. The Board of Mayor and Alderman recognized the quality of his work and endorsed his promotion to Fayetteville Police Chief on July 1, 2013. Chief Howell held this position until his well-earned retirement this month.

Chief Howell achieved multiple certifications/specializations during his career that included certified armorer, certified arms instructor, specialized training in homicide investigations, hazardous materials technician and team operations, chemical weapons instructor, and Training Officer. He was the founder and the first Team Commander of the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) established in 2001. Chief Howell developed an active shooter program through SORT that would help train his team members and other departments on active shooter situations. Chief Howell performed the project management oversight, in coordination with the Fayetteville Board of Mayor and Alderman, of the construction of the current Police Headquarters.

Chief Howell is a graduate of the Leadership Lincoln Class of 2003, attended the Huntsville Police Academy for Critical Deployment of Patrol Officers, attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Development Seminar, and attended the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy. In addition to his work as a member of SORT, Chief Howell was also a member of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Officer Association, the TN Association of Chiefs of Police, and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

A devoted family man, Chief Howell enjoys spending time with his wife Suzanne and daughters Kaitlyn and Jessica. His decades of dedication to the citizens of Fayetteville and Lincoln County, Tennessee are truly appreciated. I am proud to represent a community that has the utmost respect for all the men and women who serve our communities as members of law enforcement. Chief Howell's professional demeanor and management skills were well respected and have established a standard for service to community. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Richard Howell for a job well done and sending well wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COMMANDER ROBERT WILSON PRATT

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Commander Robert Wilson Pratt, who passed away at his

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